

Weekly Intelligencer.

OFFICIAL COUNTY PAPER.

The Grant boom has ceased to boom.

Sherman is the national bank candidate for president.

Mr. Thurman is, to-day, the foremost democrat in the land.

Mr. Ingalls is entirely too light a weight to tackle Mr. Vest.

Vest and Pendleton made the best speeches at the Ewing serenade.

The president signed the legislative appropriation bill last Saturday.

The Republican Ohio editors were solid for Sherman. A pretty weighty straw.

By way of variety they are having a little revolution in the isthmus country.

John J. Daly, St. Louis, has the contract to turnish paper for the revised statutes.

Sedalia and Jefferson City both seem to have fair prospects of securing their railroads.

The Bennett expedition to the north pole was to sail from San Francisco last Wednesday.

If Congress remains in session another week the senate should pass the Warner silver bill.

Don Cameron says that he does not intend to resign. Tell us something that we don't know.

Yes, both of Ohio's senators are democrats. So is her present governor; and so will be her next.

Robert Jones, colored, was hanged at Tarboro, N. C., June 25, for the murder of Rudolph Eaton, in 1877.

Though the appropriation bills originate in the house, the conspicuous men of the short session are in the senate.

The Ohio greenback convention at Toledo, Tuesday, retained from making nomination, in the interest of the Ewing ticket.

Blaine, Burnside, Gordon and Lamar say that Conkling is a—well—not a truth teller. The curled darling of New York must be irritated about something.

The president has withdrawn the nomination of Mr. May from Judge Dillon, resigned, as having been previously made no vacancy existing until September 1st.

Near Fort Griffin, Texas, on the 26th inst. they had a rain that was a rain. Eight inches of water. Three people were drowned in the town and four others just outside of it.

Senator Davis of West Virginia, stayed on the floor of the senate, last Wednesday, that there was a difference of \$94,000,000 between the statement made by the treasurer to the senate and house and the one published for the country.

Mrs. A. Holland, a bride, of Liege, Belgium, at Niagara falls, last Saturday, borrowed a drinking cup of her husband, while visiting the Three Sisters islands, and stooping for a drink fell into the water and was swept over the falls.

A negro named Chastine Cox, apprehended in Boston, confessed to being the murderer of Mrs. Hull, in New York city. He says his purpose was robbery, not murder, but that the lady awoke while he was in her room, he smothered her with the bed clothing.

Capt. Goldsmith and wife, from Boston, bound around the world in a small boat, arrived at Halifax, last Saturday evening. They had been some twenty days on their voyage.

Alfred T. Sanford, son of Prof. Sanford, of Chicago university, and Oliver C. Holmes, daughter of Judge Holmes, of Syracuse, N. Y., were drowned last Saturday afternoon in Onondago lake. They were rowing, and in changing places in the boat it was capsized.

Hon. A. B. Borne, ex-secretary of the navy, who has been traveling with Gen. Grant in foreign lands since January last, reached Council Bluffs last Saturday over the Union Pacific from Shanghai, China, being en route home to Philadelphia. In conversation with a Nonpareil reporter, Mr. Borne, said that he would probably reach San Francisco on September 10.

The democratic congressional joint caucus has decided to divide the judicial expenses bill, putting in one bill all the appropriations for the courts, together with the repeal of the test oath, and a provision for the drawing of juries. In the other bill is to be the appropriation for marshals, with the restrictive clause of the vetoed bills in stronger terms. The Missouri delegation, including both senators, voted on all questions against yielding to the president. Congress will be in session at least two weeks longer.

A homicide occurred at Platte City, Mo., last Monday. Mr. Wiley Stallard, a respectable farmer, came quietly into town, and without hesitating walked up to Dr. B. L. Spencer, a dentist, and shot him four times, killing him. Stallard says that Spencer dragged his wife while in the dental chair, and attempted to outrage her person. Spencer leaves a wife and five children. A dispatch to the Kansas City Times says that Spencer's death saved him from personal mutilation and burning alive, to which two hundred and seven good citizens had pledged their names in writing.

An interesting female, who blends the romance and the reality of life under the melodious appellation of Mrs. Fots, is engaged in a trial of endurance for legs, for a wager. She has undertaken to walk from Philadelphia to New Orleans and return in five months, and when she entered Atlanta, Ga., last Saturday, she was two hundred miles ahead of her time-table. The telegraph informs us that one thousand people went out to meet her and escort her into town in triumphal procession, and that she intended to rest her weary limbs in that city until Tuesday. It is to be hoped that the lady in her travels will not be annoyed by tarantulas, snakes, chiggers, woodticks and gallinules, or she may become a graphic artist in the pen or pencil in the columns of Harper's Weekly, to depict the horrors of the south and its lack of civilization in not sooner developing a Saint Patrick.

MALIGNERS OF THE SOUTH.

Few southern people, or democrats who only read papers of their own politics, faith, have any idea of the extent of the effort which is made by radical republican papers to inflame the minds of northern people against the south. In all the broad domain of the late slave states there is not one paper which indulges in bitter and acrimonious language regarding the north and her institutions which receives the countenance of the people; there is not one statesman who is known for his highest confidence who has upon his lips anything but broad, conciliatory, patriotic speech. The utterances of such papers on the one side as the Oklahoma States, and on the other the Seymour Republican, should, of course, go for naught, as the wildness of their ravings sets them down as being controlled either by fools or knaves. But, unfortunately for the country, there are papers of high literary merit, the extensive circulation of which gives them great influence, which prostitute their columns to repeated calumnies of a large element of their fellow countrymen. Which, for partisan purposes, malign, traduce and vilify the south. Papers which to-morrow would cover with eulogy the nation's leader who could so far forget his manhood as to swear allegiance to republicanism, as was done in the cases of Longstreet, Mosby, Fagan and others.

One of the most dangerous and inflammable of these incendiary papers is Harper's Weekly. Its cartoons are so ably executed as to command attention, and so brutal in their libelous character as to cause a shudder to every thoughtful person who knows how to reckon their effect upon the credulous and the ignorant. It was, more than any other agency, the lampooning this caricatured Glee Greeley which drove him to his grave. No thought of his past services to the ideas championed by the Harpers caused them to pause. There was no chivalry of courtesy, no refinement of attack, but instead the free use of the bludgeon of the ruffian. Then we have Mr. Geo. W. Curtis, the dilettante, the orator, the writer, whose classically cut nasal organ received a permanent reformation from the unavailability of the *Grand Regime* in his own party, but who, nevertheless, is not too good to grossly misrepresent the south whenever he speaks of it, and that is in every issue of his paper. All this might be endured in this delectable snarl, as the country has come to know Nat Curtis, but to reinforce them every now and then comes Eugene Lawrence. That he has ability is to his eternal shame. He has great ability. He is a scholar. In Greek and Latin and in all the lore which they reveal he is a master. It may not, probably, be said of him that he is the "wisest, brightest, most correct of mankind," but he is certainly passably bright and very mean.

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In truth and in fact the republican control of southern affairs was death to education. In 1876 the Peabody trustees made a report of their operations which contained the following: "The total amount expended last year was

\$99,150. Virginia received \$20,000; North Carolina, \$8,300; South Carolina, \$5,000; Georgia, \$8,550; Florida, \$3,700; Alabama, \$5,800; Mississippi, \$11,800; Louisiana, \$2,000; Texas, \$4,550; Arkansas, \$2,800; Tennessee, \$14,600; West Virginia, \$12,000. The amount paid South Carolina, Florida and Louisiana are proportionately small, because of their failure to foster public education, the idea of the trustees being to help them who help themselves." These were the states which still remained under the control of the republicans through bayonet rule, and it is to be remarked that these three states, avoided by the Peabody trustees, were the ones only in which the conspiracy was possible which resulted in defrauding the people of the United States of the president whom they had elected. Mr. George Peabody Russell, of England, who had spent the previous winter in the south expressed, to the meeting above alluded to, the opinion that nothing could be expected from these states (South Carolina, Florida and Louisiana) in the way of advancing their educational interests until there was an entire change in their state governments. These statements need no comment. They come from disinterested and intelligent sources, and will be seriously questioned by no one.

The miserable plea that republicanism gave the south immigration is also a lie up. Yes, and that is the reason the democrats of the Gobs into Europe in the third century. An immigration of vampires who came to suck the life-blood of the people. Men sent by republicans to republicanize the south, but who resorted to such despicable means as to assassinate, in the name of thoughtless person who knows how to reckon their effect upon the credulous and the ignorant. It was, more than any other agency, the lampooning this caricatured Glee Greeley which drove him to his grave. No thought of his past services to the ideas championed by the Harpers caused them to pause. There was no chivalry of courtesy, no refinement of attack, but instead the free use of the bludgeon of the ruffian. Then we have Mr. Geo. W. Curtis, the dilettante, the orator, the writer, whose classically cut nasal organ received a permanent reformation from the unavailability of the *Grand Regime* in his own party, but who, nevertheless, is not too good to grossly misrepresent the south whenever he speaks of it, and that is in every issue of his paper. All this might be endured in this delectable snarl, as the country has come to know Nat Curtis, but to reinforce them every now and then comes Eugene Lawrence. That he has ability is to his eternal shame. He has great ability. He is a scholar. In Greek and Latin and in all the lore which they reveal he is a master. It may not, probably, be said of him that he is the "wisest, brightest, most correct of mankind," but he is certainly passably bright and very mean.

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The tide of returning prosperity which we believe is about to visit the county would naturally bring it to Lafayette county many persons desiring to make investments in real estate, and we feel very confident that the completion of the Chicago & Alton railroad through the entire length of the county will give to this tendency a very great impetus. The value of a great trunk line, with such cities as Kansas City, St. Louis and Chicago as its termini, is so well appreciated, that it is not necessary to overestimate, giving, as it does, the greatest possible facility of transportation, when taken in connection with the Missouri Pacific and Kansas City & Eastern railroads, and the Missouri river. With these four great transportation routes there are very few agricultural counties in the United States so well provided with means of marketing their products.

Lafayette county contains 395,000 acres of land, about three-fourths of which is prairie. The soil is of great depth and very rich, the lands being acknowledged as being the best agricultural lands in the state of Missouri. The beauty of the country is proverbial, as we might naturally in our local pride, paint it *le paradis terrestre*, we present the testimony of a stranger, who wrote as follows from Kansas City to the Chicago Times, last April: "I have looked upon the beautiful lands of northern Illinois, and until now have felt that in Winnebago county all the demands of man should be satisfied when looking for a home. I have seen other portions of the north, and have seen the beauties of the land, but I have seen nothing more fertile, nor so fully developed, that there seemed nothing more for Creator or man to do to satisfy every desire. I am, on gazing upon the lands on either side of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad, asked myself, is this land equalled anywhere in all this broad republic for beauty and fertility? In coming further around Bloomington, and certain locations on the Jacksonville road, I have seen such visions of beauty and fertility, and such evidences of fertility of soil, that I have never since had a doubt in my mind that I have never seen it equalled before. But I have seen within the past two days in Saline, Lafayette and Jackson counties, Missouri, through which the extension of the Chicago & Alton railroad runs, more beautiful land, and which I predict will yet command a higher price than any I have ever looked upon before. During the whole distance from Glasgow to Kansas City I failed to see a single acre of waste or unproductive land."

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